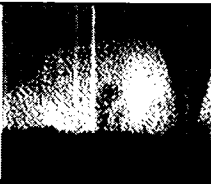


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The Missile Dick Chicks Serenade Delegates

By Benjamin Ryan

The otherwise oppressively drab festivities of the New York delegates' pre-convention gathering at the Bryant Park Grill got at least a moment of liveliness today when none other than the Missile Dick Chicks sauntered by to add their voice to the chorus of protesters.

Sleepy delegates looked up from their Technicolor cocktails and crab cakes to witness six women dressed up in what one might describe as erotic patriotic garb: red white and blue collections of wigs, fishnet stockings, stuffed bras on the outside of their shirts, and silver boots. Most notably, each had a two-foot missile dangling between her legs.

"They were much longer than I have," marveled one nameless Republican of the missiles.

According to the Chicks' web site, www.missiledickchicks.net, they are "a posse of pissed-off housewives from Crawford Texas" who usually prefer "to leave the talking to our husbands, but recent events have conspired to drag us away from our martinis and over-the-counter pharmaceuticals and into the streets."

"The dim-witted ramblings and demonstrations of the anti-authoritarian rabble that have infected our country of late make our blood boil," they write. "The sight of these smelly, smarmy marchers smirkingly besmirching our smiling President is too much to bear. The biggest questions these riff-raff face day-to-day are which Starbucks to vandalize and where to score their next bong hit. And these ne'er-do-wells dare to second guess our Commander-in-Chief? For shame!"

One of the Crawford housewives, Sparkle, who spoke with an accent as syrupy thick as Aunt Jemimah, said, "We want to spread the message that a vote for Dubya is a vote for war."

The Chicks, who have names like Dolly Dailybombings and Halle Burton, have hit the outside of many Republican hotspots this week, including the American Gas Association's party at Crobar, the China Club, the intermission of the 42nd Street performance, and plain old Macy's. They report a generally warm reception.

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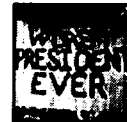


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in which they will "travel around the Eastern United swingin' states—you know the one where they're not sure if Dubya is gonna win," according to Sparkle. There they will hit the malls and disingenuously sing and dance on behalf of the president.

Sparkle reported that her posse has developed a mutual love with local law enforcement. Proving her point, as a crop of police shuffled them away from the Republican event, Officer Bruen looked especially amused by the Chicks, and said he was at liberty to arrest them for performing without a permit in Bryant park, but would rather not send them to jail dressed as they are.

It took several minutes for the Chicks to vacate the premises, because they had to get through singing and walking a slow moving conga line.

"Oh show us a way to the next oil field!" they belted, as the Republicans failed to look amused.

Upon returning to the tent, event security expressed concern that I might have been assaulted by the Chicks' missiles.

"It's appalling," grunted Republican alternate delegate from New York City John Johnston. "Wearing the colors of our flag the way they did is very unpatriotic, and very insincere to the men and women who are fighting for our country. There's a way to be civil about your disagreements."

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